

Nalco Docket No. 7502 CO2
Customer No. 49459

REMARKS

Claims 51 to 54 are pending in this Application. Applicants have amended Claim 51, cancelled Claims 52 to 54, and added New Claims 55 and 56. These amendments and new claims do not add new matter.

OBJECTIONS TO THE DISCLOSURE

The Office Action required Applicants to place revisions to the Abstract on a separate sheet. Applicants have placed revisions to the Abstract on a separate sheet. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office Action rejected Claims 51 to 54 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶1, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

The Office Action rejected “(1) the modification of the range 38 to 42 wt. % by ‘about,’ (2) the limitation of a phosphorous acid solution being about 70 wt. % phosphorous acid, and (3) the relative wt. % set forth in Claims 52 to 54.” Applicants have amended Claim 51 and cancelled Claims 52 to 54. The Specification provides support for the concentrations set forth in Amended Claim 51 at least at page 5, lines 7 to 14, and page 8, lines 10 to 18.

Therefore, Applicants assert that Amended Claim 51 is in condition for allowance and respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejected Claims 52 to 54 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶2, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. As noted above, Applicants have cancelled Claims 52 to 54.

Therefore, Applicants assert that this rejection is now moot and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

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NEW CLAIMS

Applicants have added New Claims 55 and 56. The Specification provides support for these claims at least at page 7, lines 15 to 25 and page 8, lines 1 to 5. Furthermore, these claims depend from allowable Amended Claim 51.

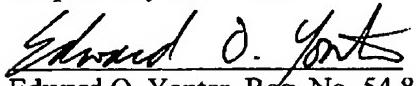
Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that New Claims 55 and 56 are in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the specification and the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 112, ¶2, and respectfully assert that all pending claims in this Application are in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,


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